

Pembroke Rural District Council

1972

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ANNUAL  
REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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PEMBROKE          RURAL          DISTRICT          COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
YEAR 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1972.

HOUSING.

The total number of houses built in the rural district during the year was 77; 11 of these were council dwellings and the remaining 66 were private houses and flats. The standard of the houses in the district is good and a total of 57 discretionary and 4 standard grants were approved by the Council in 1972. In addition to the houses which were completed, other council dwellings were under construction and a number of older council properties were modernised. Other schemes for the construction of council bungalows and flats in various parts of your district, were in the planning stage at the end of the year. There was a total of 150 applicants on the housing waiting list at the end of the year.

The Housing Finance Act became law in October 1972, instituting a system of rent rebates for tenants whose income fell below a certain level.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Only a small number of infectious diseases were notified to me from your district during the year. These included 11 cases of measles, which occurred towards the end of the year - an outbreak of which started in October; no complications were reported among the children who contracted the disease. Summer gastro-enteritis was again prevalent throughout the whole of the rural district during the holiday season and made its appearance at the end of May. This illness was generally mild in character and was not confined to your area but occurred in all parts of the county. A small number of cases of influenza (English type) were reported during the winter months, with one death.

MILK SUPPLIES.

I am pleased to report that during 1972, the majority of producer/retailers of milk had joined the Brucellosis Incentive Scheme and by the end of the year a total of 13 retailers were accredited by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. Sampling of milk from all herds has been carried out and it was not necessary to issue any new Pasteurisation Orders because of brucellosis infected herds during the year.



### CARAVANNING AND CAMPING.

This form of holiday continues to increase in popularity and a number of visits were made by your Public Health Inspector and myself to the caravan and tent sites during the year. A special concession is given at the height of the season to caravan site operators for the accommodation of touring caravans; this prevents unauthorised parking at roadsides and lay-bys. Standards at established sites are generally good and improved facilities are being provided annually for the visitors.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,



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# V I T A L            S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1972 ... 6,580

	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D.1972</u>	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D.1971</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England &amp;</u> <u>Wales</u>
Live Births	100	112		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.2	16.7	15.1	14.8
Illegitimate Live Births	7	7		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	7	6	9	9
Still Births	2	1		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,00 Live & Still Births)	20	9	12	12
Total Live & Still Births	102	113		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	3	2		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	30	18	20	17
- legitimate	22	19	21	17
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	21
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4wks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	20	18	11	12
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk) (per 1,000 Live Births)	20	9	9	10
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk & Still Births combined) (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	39	18	21	22
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Deaths	82	70		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.5	10.4	12.9	12.1





### INFANT DEATHS.

Three infants under 1 year of age died in hospital during the year; details are as follows :-

- 1) 4 hours. Female child. Cerebral haemorrhage.
- 2) Under 1wk. Male child. Gastro-enteritis.
- 3) 2 months. Female child. Broncho-pneumonia.

### DEATHS (General).

Again this year, heart disease accounted for the highest number of deaths - 34, with malignant conditions claiming 16 deaths; 2 male patients and 1 female patient died from cancer of the lung.

Approximately 20.7% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 33% in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	45	37
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, Buccal cavity, etc.,	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	2	1
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	2
Hypertensive disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	17	12
Other forms of heart disease	2	3
Cerebro-vascular disease	6	6
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2
Influenza	-	1
Pneumoniae	1	1
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.,	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-
All other accidents	2	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-

### NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me from your district during the year 1972 :-

- 11 Measles
- 1 Respiratory Tuberculosis
- 2 Food Poisoning
- 1 Scarlet Fever.



## TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis this year and only one new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified - a male patient in the 55-64 years age group.

Prevention of Tuberculosis. B.C.G. Vaccination: The usual autumn visit was made to the two secondary schools in your area, when a total of 188 13 year old pupils received vaccination. Contacts continue to be investigated and vaccinated if necessary at the chest clinics held regularly at South Pembrokeshire Hospital and at Haverfordwest.

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

Local Health Services: The monthly infant welfare clinic, staffed by a health visitor and medical officer, continued to be held at Pembroke during the year, where immunisations and vaccinations were carried out. School sessions were held for school entrants to receive booster doses in the Spring and Summer terms and also Rubella vaccinations were offered to 13 year old girls in the Secondary Schools.

The following details refer to all schoolchildren (under the age of 16 years) who received vaccinations and immunisations in the County during 1972 :-

Triple immunisations:	1,457
Booster Diph./Tet. doses:	1,213
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,457
Tetanus immunisations:	1,650
Booster tetanus doses:	1,455
Poliomyelitis vaccs:	1,515
Booster polio. doses:	1,174
B.C.G. vaccinations:	1,081
Measles vaccinations:	640
Rubella vaccinations:	480.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS. 1948 & 1951.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under the above Section in your district during 1972.





# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

FOR THE YEAR 1972

## SEWERAGE

### Schemes completed prior to 1972

Milton/Carew Cheriton	Carew
Manorbier/Jameston	Penally
Lydstep	Lamphey
Angle	St. Florence
Rhoscrowther	Castlemartin
Stackpole	Cosheston
Broadfield/Twycross/New Hedges	Hundleton
St. Twynnells	

### Schemes under consideration:

#### Carew/Branders Park/Lawrenny/Redberth

Although details of this scheme have been completed since 1971, authority to proceed has been withheld, probably due to the scheme being required eventually to be integrated with the Regional Sewerage Scheme.

### Regional Sewerage Scheme

Further investigation continued, and discussions extended to include both Pembroke Borough Council and Narberth Rural District Council. The Catchment area was also extended to include Pembroke Borough, other surrounding villages within the Rural District, as well as the village of Saundersfoot.

As a result of a further hydrographic Survey, it was recommended that the most advantageous location for the submarine pipe line was situate at Manorbier.

However, local opposition to this proposal resulted in several meetings in the village when the Council's Consulting Engineers explained the scheme. Before the end of the year, a number of written objections were lodged at the Department of the Environment, and it was becoming apparent that the scheme would require a public enquiry to determine the issue.

## SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS

### Sampling

As in previous years, regular sampling continued as standard practice, and all results were reported to the Council and the South West Wales River Authority.

Out of a total of 24 samples, 22 of these satisfied Royal Commission Standards.

### St. Twynnells Sewage Treatment Works

Negotiations were carried on with the Pembrokeshire Water Board in an endeavour to overcome possible objections, resulting from the abstraction of water downstream at Stembridge.





## HOUSING

### Council Housing Stock at the end of 1972

Four bedroom houses.	9
Three bedroom houses and bungalows.	293
Two bedroom houses and bungalows.	133
One bedroom flats and bungalows.	20
TOTAL	<u>455</u>

### Schemes under Construction

#### Angle Site No. 13

The remaining six houses were completed, although some remaining siteworks were still outstanding.

#### Stackpole Village Sites Nos. 2 and 3

For the second year in succession, progress has been most unsatisfactory and only three bungalows were completed out of a total of 25.

#### Lamphey Village Park View Scheme No. 58

Two old people's bungalows were completed.

### Schemes under Consideration

#### Kesteven Court, Carew

(Eight two-bedroom and four three-bedroom bungalows)

There was no progress whatsoever on the above project, although a revised tender was approved subject to the approval of the Welsh Office.

#### The Rise, Redberth

(Two two-bedroom bungalows)

Again there was no progress, although by the end of the year, it seemed likely that a start would be made in 1973.

#### St. Twynnells

Planning permission was awaited for a site at St. Twynnells.



Lamphey, Flemish Court  
(Flats)

Planning Consent was received at the end of the year.

Penally Holloway Court  
(Flats)

Planning Consent was received at the end of the year.

Manorbier (Lydstep Village)

Planning permission was awaited for a site at Lydstep.

Older Council Houses

Work commenced in the late Autumn modernising the 23 Council Houses built over 25 years ago.



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HOUSING STATISTICS

Private Dwellings including Flats

Year	Number Completed	One Bedroom	Two Bedrooms	Three Bedrooms	Four or More Bedrooms	Number under Construction at end of year
1962/63	32	-	5	26	1	15
1963/64	33	-	7	20	6	20
1964/65	35	-	12	18	5	70
1965/66	67	3	15	44	5	98
1966/67	80	-	45	31	4	70
1967	58	-	24	32	2	50
1968	52	-	24	23	5	44
1969	44	-	7	32	5	49
1970	42	1	3	34	4	62
1971	57	1	34	20	2	66
1972	66	-	37	23	6	88

Council Houses/Bungalows/Flats

Year	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Total number Completed
1962	-	22	-	22
1963	-	3	2	5
1964	-	22	6	28
1965	10	10	12	32
1966	6	9	16	31
1967	-	6	-	6
1968	-	5	16	21
1969	-	8	-	8
1970	-	4	4	8
1971	-	3	-	3
1972	2	3	6	11





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HOUSING STATISTICS

Year	Council Houses	Private Houses	Discretionary Improvement Grants	Standard Improvement Grants	Houses modernised without grant	Houses Closed Demolished
1963	5	33	19	8	4	8
1964	28	35	11	3	2	15
1965	32	67	4	7	14	12
1966	31	80	5	1	4	15
1967	6	58	8	-	8	6
1968	21	52	3	5	8	15
1969	8	44	2	10	10	30
1970	8	42	5	7	11	5
1971	3	57	19	5	3	1
1972	11	66	30	3	2	-
TOTAL	153	534	106	49	66	115



PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

HOUSING STATISTICS

Discretionary Grants

(Approved by Council)

Year	Less than £500	£500-£1,000	£1,000-£1,500	£1,500-£2,000	Over £2,000	Total
1963	1	6	5	3	4	19
1964	-	5	6	-	-	11
1965	-	3	-	1	-	4
1966	-	2	1	2	-	5
1967	-	5	2	1	-	8
1968	-	-	3	-	-	3
1969	-	-	1	1	-	2
1970	-	1	1	2	1	5
1971	-	4	11	20	16	51
1972	2	2	5	25	23	57

Standard Grants - Approved by Council

Year	Less than £300	£300-£400	£400-£500	Over £500	Total
1963	3	3	1	1	8
1964	2	-	1	-	3
1965	1	3	1	2	7
1966	-	-	1	-	1
1967	4	-	-	-	4
1968	1	1	1	6	9
1969	3	-	1	6	10
1970	-	-	3	4	7
1971	2	3	1	1	7
1972	-	3	-	1	4



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HOUSING STATISTICS

Unfit Houses

Year	Number Demolished or closed	Number later completely modernised
1962	15	5
1963	8	-
1964	15	-
1965	14	4
1966	15	3
1967	6	-
1968	15	-
1969	30	-
1970	5	-
1971	3	-
1972	-	-

Properties improved without a Grant

Year	Number improved without a Grant
1962	3
1963	4
1964	2
1965	14
1966	8
1967	8
1968	8
1969	10
1970	11
1971	3
1972	2





HOUSING WAITING LIST - SUMMARY

	Probable Priority	Resident in District	Old Age Person(s) and Single Applicant	Living Outside Area & Working or Waiting to work in Area	Living Outside Area with local family connection	Living Outside Area	Transfer	TOTAL
Anywhere In R.D.C.								
Zone 1						3		3
Zone 2		1	1			2		4
Zone 3	1	1				1		3
Zone 4				1	1	1		3
Zone 5						3	1	4
Angle	1	1	2	5	3	3		15
Carew/Milton	2		6			1	1	10
Castlemartin		1			1			2
Cosheston	1							1
Gilead/Maidenwells							1	1
Hundleton	1			1		1		3
Lamphey	1		4	2	1	13	3	24
Manorbier	4	3	7	1		5	2	22
Penally			3			2	1	6
Redberth	1				1			2
Rhoscrowther						1		1
St. Florence	4	3	2	3		3	5	20
St. Mary Out- Liberty						1		1
Stackpole	3	1		6	3	7	1	21
St. Twynells			1			1	2	4
TOTALS	19	11	26	19	10	48	17	150



## WATER

### Schemes completed

#### Orielton Mountain/Bowett Hill

## WATER SAMPLES

As in previous years, the bulk of the samples were taken by the Pembrokeshire Water Board.

Details of all samples are as follows:-

233 Samples were taken for bacteriological examination, of which, 3 were initially unsatisfactory.

Repeat sampling however, revealed satisfactory results.

## STREAMS

No samples were taken.

## MILK SUPPLIES

Routine Bucella sampling continued to be undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Department, along with the normal work of the Department, thus avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

Herds so affected were immediately controlled by Pasteurisation Orders.

Number of milk samples taken	<u>102</u>
Number Ring test Positive	<u>Nil</u>
Pasteurisation Order in Force at the end of the year.	<u>1</u>

### Accredited Herds

Good progress continued throughout the year, and the total of herds now accredited is thirteen.

An increasing number of herds are also undergoing screening tests.

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## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Once again, the year has been notable by the absence of vandalism, and this, it is believed, is due in no small part, to the Council's policy of providing free facilities.

### Conveniences under Construction

#### Lawrenny Ferry

This convenience was completed shortly before the end of the Summer, and is situated in an area that is becoming increasingly popular with both holidaymakers and local residents.

#### St. Florence Village

Although not completed, it was confidently expected to be open to the public well in advance of the 1973 Summer season.

### Conveniences under Consideration

#### Barafundle

#### Broadhaven

#### Freshwater East

No works of construction commenced on any of these public conveniences, but at the end of the year, it appeared that tenders would be invited for Barafundle and Broadhaven during 1973.

It appeared unlikely that the new larger public convenience at Freshwater East would be built until the result of the public enquiry into the re-development of the area.

## CARAVANNING AND CAMPING

For the third year running, the staff of the Wales Tourism Council at Kilgetty worked extremely hard in helping to place campers on sites within the district.

Site owners also co-operated by telephoning daily and thereby enabling the staff to maintain a day-to-day assessment of availability of pitches.

Although no actual statistics are available, there are indications that the Spring Bank Holiday is becoming more popular with holiday-makers.







## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The service was again well able to cope with the increased pressure during the summer months, and controlled tipping continued at the Council's tip at Pincheston.

The litter collection service was extended during the summer and the results were noticeable. A number of voluntary organisations helped to clean popular beaches and it is anticipated that this trend will continue.

Unfortunately, no progress was made during discussions with neighbouring authorities to provide a pulverisation plant to serve the south and east of the County, although a detailed study was carried out by L.A.M.S.A.C.

For the first time the Council introduced a beach litter collection service and this operated throughout the six summer months.

There is no doubt that the service was effective and was much appreciated by residents and holidaymakers alike.

In addition to litter, oily seaweed was also collected and removed to the Council's tip.



### AIR POLLUTION

The Pembroke Power Station which commenced operation at the end of September 1970, has now completed the commissioning stage and is in full operation.

Cosheston Station was closed down in February and transferred to Lawrenny as the results continued to be affected from Ammonia coming from a depot at Carew Cheriton.

As in other years the incidence of pollution gives no cause for alarm the results showing no increase.

Furthermore the level of pollution is very low in comparison with those of a similar rural area and a typical industrial area as shown in the tabulated results.



Observer Post, Ridgeway, Carew

Situate  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles East by South of Pembroke Power Station

Period	Units micrograms/m <sup>3</sup>								
	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide			<u>Smoke</u> Sulphur Dioxide		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
January	6	6	6	6	5	9	1.00	1.25	0.66
February	4	6	4	7	6	3	0.57	1.00	1.33
March	3	4	9	7	7	7	0.43	0.57	1.29
April	1	7	2	5	6	8	0.20	1.16	0.25
May	6	3	2	10	5	5	0.60	0.60	0.40
June	5	2	2	14	4	7	0.36	0.50	0.29
July	1	2	4	6	7	6	0.17	0.29	0.66
August	4	3	5	8	8	4	0.50	0.38	1.25
September	3	7	7	3	8	8	1.00	0.88	0.87
October	4	4	7	5	4	6	0.80	1.00	1.11
November	3	3	2	4	5	3	0.75	0.60	0.66
December	5	5	7	4	10	7	1.25	0.50	1.00
Average for year	3.75	4.33	4.75	6.6	6.25	6.1	0.57	0.69	0.78
Highest for 24 hours	22	27	28	38	28	31			
Lowest for 24 hours	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bridport (similar rural area) average			15			38			0.39
Manchester (Industrial area) average			121			231			0.52



LAWRENNY YACHT STATION - LAWRENNY

5½ miles East by North of Pembroke Power Station

Period	Units micrograms/m <sup>3</sup>		
	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide	<u>Smoke</u> Sulphur Dioxide
	1972	1972	1972
January			
February			
March	10	2	5.00
April	2	9	0.17
May	3	12	0.25
June	2	9	0.22
July	4	8	0.50
August	6	8	0.75
September	10	10	1.00
October	6	6	1.00
November	3	5	0.60
December	7	9	0.78
Average for year	5.3	7.8	0.68
Highest for 24 hours	32	34	
Lowest for 24 hours	0	0	
Bridport (similar rural area) average	15	38	0.39
Manchester (Industrial area) average	121	231	0.52





Kilpaison Burrows, Rhoscrowther

Situate 3 miles West by South of Pembroke Power Station

Period	Units micrograms/m <sup>3</sup>								
	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide			Smoke Sulphur Dioxide		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
January	6	8	6	18	15	19	0.33	0.53	0.32
February	4	6	3	22	12	7	0.18	0.50	0.43
March	3	5	9	23	14	27	0.12	0.36	0.35
April	1	9	3	8	23	17	0.13	0.39	0.18
May	8	4	2	17	13	8	0.47	0.30	0.25
June	5	2	1	15	10	6	0.33	0.20	0.17
July	1	3	4	4	10	10	0.25	0.30	0.40
August	5	5	5	12	13	11	0.42	0.38	0.45
September	3	9	8	4	21	17	0.75	0.43	0.47
October	4	4	7	11	10	12	0.36	0.40	0.58
November	3	2	2	4	11	5	0.75	0.18	0.40
December	6	6	7	12	31	9	0.50	0.19	0.78
Average for year	4.1	5.25	4.75	12.5	15.25	12.3			0.39
Highest for 24 hours	26	27	28	129	230	85			
Lowest for 24 hours	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bridport (similar rural area) average			15			38			0.39
Manchester (industrial area) average			121			231			0.52



## OIL POLLUTION

Once again, westward facing beaches were subjected to a continual pollution from oil and oily waste discharged at sea, making normal usage of these beaches by the public difficult, particularly on the high tide line and on pebbly beaches.

Unfortunately, there can be no practical solution, unless it be by prevention, which would need to be preceded by international public outcry.

Spillages continue unabated in the Milford Haven Waterway, though an ever-efficient control service prevented serious contamination of amenity beaches and foreshore.

Details of harbour spillages are as follows:-

Ships	- 43
Jetty	- 8
Other Locations	- 8
Unattached pollution	- 7
Attributable	- 3
Unattributable	- 4



# FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1961

## Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	0	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	25	29	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworker's premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	25	29	-	-

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

### The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

Strict compliance in accordance with the above regulations was effected through the year and 100% inspection was made at the private slaughterhouse within the district.

	<u>Cattle excluding cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	99	-	-	403	106	-
<u>All diseases, except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	31	-	-	44	2	-
Tuberculosis only:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:	-	-	-	-	-	-







